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SUBJECT: MATIGNON INTEREST IN U.S. POSITION ON ILO

1. A DISCUSSION OF ILO ISSUES AND AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN'S RECENT VISIT TO PARIS AT LABATT'S HOME 5 FEBRUARY TURNED INTO INVITATION BY RAYMOND SOUBIE, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISER ON SOCIAL AFFAIRS, TO IRVING BROWN AND CONDON TO MEET WITH HIM AT MATIGNON FOLLOWING MORNING.

2. MATIGNON MEETING WAS ATTENDED ALSO BY SERGE BOIDEVAIX, THE PRIME MINISTER'S ADVISER ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LABATT DREW UPON PRESENTATIONS MADE BY SILBERMAN TO VENTEJOL AND DURAFOR AND PRESENTED THE USG POINT OF VIEW ON ILO, EMPHASIZING THE COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN USG AND WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS GROUPS.

3. BROWN STRESSED THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT WILL BE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS IN GENEVA AND SUPPORTED LABATT'S STATEMENT THAT

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ELECTION OF A COMMUNIST DELEGATE TO CHAIRMANSHIP

OF JUNE CONFERENCE AND GB WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT
U.S. THINKING ON THE PROSPECTS OF ILO UPHOLD-
ING TRIPARTITE PRINCIPLE.

4. MATIGNON OFFICIALS LISTENED CAREFULLY, ASKED
A FEW QUESTIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT "THINGS COULD
NOT BE CLEARER." THEY ADDED THAT THEY WERE PLEASED
WITH THIS MEETING BECAUSE IT GAVE THEM A CLEAR
UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE ISSUES AND THE OPTIONS
ARE.

5. COMMENT: KNOWING SOUBIE FOR SOME TIME NOW WE
ARE NOT SURPRISED BY THE PROMPTNESS OF HIS REACTION
IN ARRANGING FOR THE MATIGNON MEETING AND
APPRECIATING THE U.S. EARNESTNESS BEHIND THE NOTICE
OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. BOTH OFFICIALS HAVE
DIRECT ACCESS TO CHIRAC AND THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
BRING THE ILO QUESTION TO THE PM'S ATTENTION SOON.
WE ARE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT CHIRAC WILL BE
SYMPATHETIC TO THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW. WE SHOULD
KNOW SOON BECAUSE VENTEJOL INTENDS TO ASK FOR
AN APPOINTMENT WITH CHIRAC WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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